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SUBJECT: CENTER-LEFT COLOM WINS GUATEMALAN PRESIDENCY

[1](#)1. With 99.13% of polling stations reporting, center-left UNE's Alvaro Colom won the Nov. 4 Guatemalan presidential runoff election with 52.83% of the vote. Center-right Partido Patriota's Otto Perez Molina received 47.17%. Colom declared victory, and Perez Molina acknowledged defeat in a concession speech, announcing that he intends to run again for the presidency in 2011.

[1](#)2. The results tracked closely with national observer NGO Mirador Electoral's quick count. Turnout, at 47%, was lower than expected. There was no electoral violence, and only a few, so far unsubstantiated allegations of electoral fraud. The weather was clear throughout most of the country. The Embassy, OAS, and EU observed the election, in addition to national observer groups.
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